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	Filing Date	October 20, 2003
	First Named Inventor	Kim P. Kobza
	Art Unit	2162
	Examiner Name	C. Y. T. Truong
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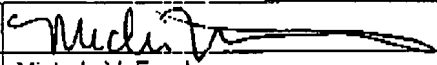
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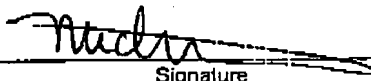
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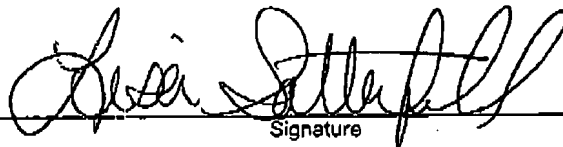
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